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HESS REMOVED FROM HOSPITAL TO SECRET RETREAT: EXAMINED AND FOUND SANE AND HEALTHY: FLIGHT TO BRITAIN WAS ESCAPE

HERR RUDOLF HESS, DEPUTY FUEHRER OF GERMANY, PARTY LEADER OF THE NATIONAL SOCIALISTS AND THIRD MAN IN THE NAZI HIERARCHY, WHOSE FLIGHT FROM GERMANY ON SATURDAY AND LANDING BY PARACHUTE IN SCOTLAND ELECTRIFIED THE WHOLE WORLD, IS NOW IN A SECRET RETREAT WHERE NOBODY IS ALLOWED TO SEE HIM.

Herr Hess was removed to this unspecified destination from the hospital in Glasgow to where he had been taken suffering from a broken leg, states a Reuter message.

THE DEPUTY NAZI FUEHRER, WHO THE GERMAN WIRELESS CLAIMED WAS SUFFERING FROM MENTAL DISORDER, WAS EXAMINED BY BRITISH DOCTORS YESTERDAY AND FOUND TO BE SANE AND HEALTHY.

Herr Hess will be treated as a prisoner of war.

QUESTION IN COMMONS

LONDON, May 13 (Reuter)—MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, the Premier, was asked in the House of Commons today whether he could make a further statement on Herr Hess's arrival in Britain.

The Prime Minister said he had nothing to add at present to the official statement issued by the Government yesterday. He declared that a further statement would be made with regard to the flight to this country of this high and important Nazi leader.

COOPER ON GOOD NEWS

LONDON, May 13 (Reuter)—Asked at a London meeting today, if he would say why Herr Hess came to Britain, the Minister of Information, Mr. A. Duff-Cooper said: "It is suggested that I should tell you something about the rather unexpected arrival of a guest who, whatever its qualities may be, is by no means welcome.

"I am afraid I am not in a position to give information but only say his arrival here shows a first breach in the Nazi Party since Herr Hitler murdered a high bloc of his own followers on June 30, 1934.

"Here is a man who was so close to him, a man so obviously in possession of his confidence since he was able to accomplish the flight successfully, a man who, with the advantages he must have been enjoying in Germany—and we all know what the advantages are of the tyrant's strength—yet prefers to leave that unhappy and miserable country and fly, at tremendous risk to himself, in order to land on what is still a country of the free."

"That is good news and it comes at a good time."

Darlan Has Interview

BERLIN, May 12 (Reuter)—It is reported that Admiral Darlan had an interview with Herr Hitler in the presence of Herr von Ribbentrop.

The place of the meeting and the subject under discussion have not been revealed.

It is recalled that after last Wednesday's negotiations, the conclusion of an agreement between Vichy and Berlin was announced, in which certain restrictions of the frontier between occupied and unoccupied France were lifted and the payment by France to Germany for the support of the German forces in occupied France was reduced.

What Germany is getting in return is not known.



HERR RUDOLF HESS

SUCCESSOR NAMED

BERLIN, May 13 (Reuter)—HERR MARTIN BORMANN, who has been chief on the staff of Herr Hess since 1933, has been appointed by Herr Hitler as successor to Herr Hess.

Herr Hitler's special decree making this appointment adds that Herr Bormann will not assume the title of Herr Hitler's deputy, as that title has been abolished.

CORE OF GERMANY ROTTEN

LONDON, May 13 (British Wireless)—As to what considerations led Herr Hess to flee his country, there is at present no definite information, but presumably his decision was taken owing to disagreement with members of the Party.

The whole episode is symptomatic. It makes it clear that the core of Germany is rotten.

Incidentally it is presumed that in shaping his course to Scotland, Herr Hess had regard to the operations of the Luftwaffe over Britain on that night—the night of the heavy attack on London.

WASHINGTON, May 13 (Reuter)—The flight of Herr Hess has aroused intense speculation in diplomatic circles regarding the possibility of a split in the Nazi hierarchy. It is considered that whatever the facts may be, it is bound to be a severe shock to the German people.

The suggestion is made in some quarters that Herr Hess has sought to escape the purge similar to that of June 30, 1934.

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Today's News Summary

RUDOLF HESS, Hitler's Deputy, who made a parachute landing in Scotland on Saturday after flying from Germany, was examined by British doctors yesterday and was found to be sane and healthy. He is now a prisoner of war at an unspecified destination and no body is allowed to see him. Mr. Churchill, in the House of Commons yesterday, said that a statement would be issued later with regard to the flight to Britain of this "high and important Nazi official."

MR. DUFF-COOPER, Minister of Information, stated that the flight of Hess was the first breach in the Nazi Party since the purge of 1934.

MEASURES BEING taken by Britain in the battle of the Atlantic are proving effective. This is indicated by the fact that the losses of merchant shipping due to enemy action in a period of just over four weeks in April was the lowest figure for 11 months.

MANNHEIM WAS THE main target of R.A.F. attacks on Germany on Monday night while the docks at Ostend and Dunkirk were also attacked. There was very little enemy activity over Britain.

Total Luftwaffe losses for the first 12 nights in May are 134.

INTERVIEW WITH VICEROY

SIMLA, May 13 (Reuter)—Fazlul Huq, Bengal's Prime Minister, arrived this morning and, after interviewing the Viceroy, left for Calcutta in the afternoon.

Prime Minister Huq revealed that he placed before the Viceroy certain proposal for ending the constitutional deadlock.

Fire-Fighting Services To Be Reorganised

"According to the opinion of experts the resolute and efficient way in which the fire-fighting services acted on Saturday have still leeway to make up to produce maximum efficiency," said MAJOR ALLEN MURRAY, B.B.C. news commentator, when he broadcast from London last night.

MAJ. Murray added that Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Minister for Home Security, was planning the reorganisation of the fire brigade services into a national organisation much the same as other defence services.

"One of the things that emerged from Saturday night's raid is that the week-end is a particularly dangerous time," he said.

"Many firms have responded to the fire prevention order but there are others which have done nothing with the result that many fires which occurred on Saturday could have been saved."

"We have been promised a Government statement and the Ministry of Home Security will no doubt embody the knowledge they have gained in their future plans.

"In a densely populated area no fire-bomb must be left unspotted."

134 NAZI PLANES DESTROYED

LONDON, May 13 (B.W.S.)—The destruction of one enemy aircraft last night, when activity over Britain was on a very small scale, brings the month's total to 134.

On Other Pages

2 Swimming notes; Golf; Army tennis and chess results; Crossword puzzle.

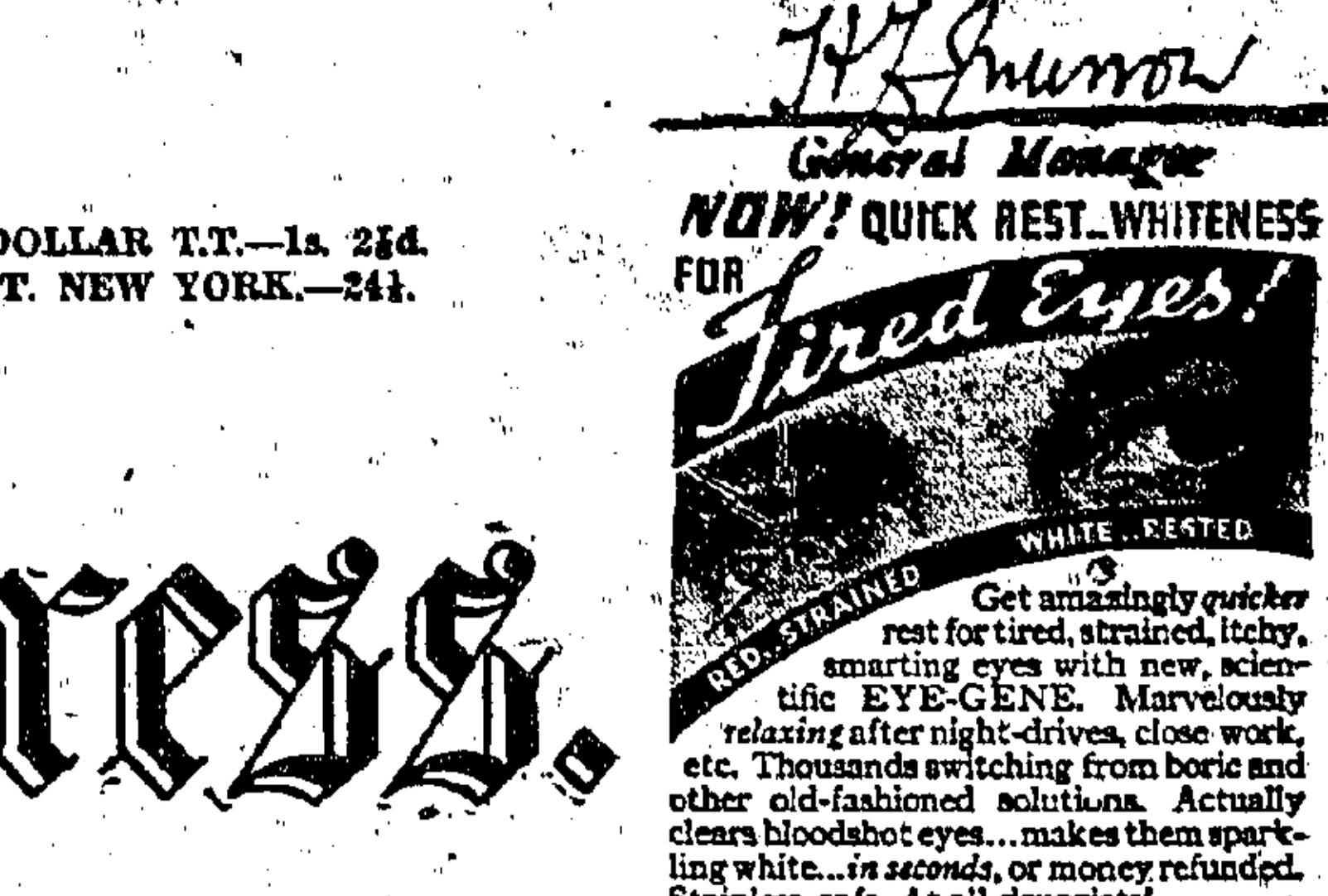
3 Radio programmes; Coming events.

4 Hess crashes in Scotland; Iraqi usurper criticised; Naval shelling of Benghasi; Parliament will carry on; British successes.

5 Bank of Canton fined; Rice petition; Annual meeting of Calbeck, Macgregor & Co. Ltd.; Jockey Club donations.

6 Leading article: Randolph Hearst; State lottery for Hongkong.

8 Round the Police Courts; Fatal traffic mishap.



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MEASURES BEING TAKEN BY BRITAIN IN BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC PROVE EFFECTIVE

LONDON, May 13 (British Wireless)—The fact that losses of merchant shipping due to enemy action in the period of just over four weeks in the month of April—excluding those incurred in the Greek evacuation, totalled 301,070 tons and was the lowest figure for the eleven months—is regarded authoritatively as an indication that THE MEASURES BEING TAKEN BY BRITAIN IN THE BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC ARE PROVING EFFECTIVE.

There is no sign that the efforts the enemy is making, will enable him to obtain the quick victory for which he is seeking.

SITUATION IN IRAQ

VICHY, May 13 (Reuter)—A communiqué from Rashid Ali's headquarters states that on the Western front the situation remains unchanged, according to a Baghdad dispatch to the Vichy News Agency.

On the Southern front, Rashid Ali's troops were "harassed by the enemy."

Several British planes, says Rashid Ali's air communiqué, dropped bombs early on Monday morning on troop concentrations.

It must be remembered however, that March figures were the highest for the eleven months—excluding June, which contained the Dunkirk losses—and also that, although it is fair to omit the losses in the Greek campaign when studying the course of the battle of the Atlantic, the tonnage lost then had reduced carrying capacity as much as if it had been lost elsewhere.

The total losses from May 1 last year to April 30, are 4,734,407 tons—including Dunkirk and Greece—with a monthly average of 394,534 tons while excluding Dunkirk and Greece, they are 4,430,067 tons with a monthly average of 360,172 tons.

During the war, the British have lost 923 ships with a total tonnage of 3,896,242 tons comprising of 118 of 424,305 tons in 1939, 555 of 2,382,221 tons in 1940 and 250 of 1,083,716 tons in 1941.

COMBINED LOSSES

Total combined losses of the British, Allied and neutral shipping are 211 ships, of 741,614 tons, in 1939, 929, of 3,768,700 tons, in 1940 and 369, of 1,617,359 tons, in 1941, making a grand total of 1,508 ships, of 6,127,673 tons.

A substantial part of the neutral tonnage sunk by the enemy was never chartered by Britain and was not trading with her while the figures include approximately 50,000 tons of Italian and Japanese shipping sunk by the Germans before Italy entered the war.

Increasing Strength In Air Will Turn Tide

LORD HALIFAX ON ATLANTIC BATTLE

KANSAS CITY, May 13 (Reuter)—Once the battle of the Atlantic is won, the steadily increasing strength in the air which the United States is providing "will turn the tide," said LOED HALIFAX, British Ambassador, addressing the Mid-Central War Resources Board.

"I have no doubt when the time comes, the joint strength of sea power and air power, based on the combined industrial power of your country and mine, will be decisive."

"We judge we are fighting for nothing less than to prevent civilisation from being killed by tyranny which would make the dark ages, by comparison, seem humane."

"In this struggle there is no possibility for compromise."

GREAT GRAVITY

Lord Halifax declared that the war's issues were of "great gravity" for the United States.

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Issue Of One-cent Coupons Under Urgent Consideration

"The question of issuing one-cent coupons is receiving the serious and urgent consideration of the Financial Secretary and myself," said MR. E. W. PUDNEY, Accountant-General, in an interview with the Hongkong Daily Press yesterday in connexion with the acute shortage of copper cents in the Colony.

Government is not taking any action as it serves to alleviate the situation.

When asked whether he could not, under the Emergency Regulations, issue tokens or coupons, Mr. Pudney said that this matter is being carefully considered by the Hon. Mr. R. R. Todd and himself.

LAHORE, May 13 (Reuter)—In giving judgment today in the case of 116 Khaksars who were arrested last summer for disobeying prohibitory orders, the Additional Sessions Judge reduced the sentences.

Stabbing Fatality

A Chinese man was killed and a woman was injured yesterday in a stabbing incident in the Wanchai district.

According to a report, the woman was walking along Hennessy Road towards Canal Road about 3:30 p.m. when a Chinese came up from behind and stabbed her with a pair of scissors.

The husband was alleged to have snatched the instrument from the alleged assailant and stabbed him to death.

The woman was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital, while her husband, Ho Tak-wan, has been detained by the Police.

Lai Tsun Favoured To Win "Y" Swimming Gala Tonight

BY "JIN"

Competitive swimming makes its bow at the European Y.M.C.A. tonight at 9 p.m. Included in the many events is a 200-yd free style relay in which the Lai Tsun Swimming Union, the Army and the Y.M.C.A. are competing.

The Lai Tsun team, of which Chan Chun-nam, the long distance title holder is a member, are favoured to win this event, but the Y. however, are reputed to have some dark horses and they may surprise the strong Chinese quartet.

The evening's programme will be concluded with a water-polo match between the European Y.M.C.A. and the Middlesex Regiment. These two teams have played each other twice and as they are evenly balanced, a very interesting game should be witnessed.

The line-up of the teams are as follows:—

European Y.M.C.A.—H. Eardley, L. A. Benn, E. W. Ralton, A. F. May, G. Thompson, L. F. Paul and R. Goldman.

Middlesex Regiment—Goodall, A. Hyms, Quickenden, W. B. Ure, Bowdon, Burge and Jennings.

The game will be refereed by Capt. G. Bedford of R.A.S.C.

"DRIPPINGS FROM THE SEA"

L. Roza Pereira, one of the most popular swimming and diving

champions in the Colony, has been elected Hon. Secretary of the V. R. C. Hongkong's premiere swimming club. Under his expert guidance a good season is anticipated.

It is rumoured that David Hut-
ton will most certainly find competition pretty stiff in this section.

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1 Mark remaining from a wound
5 "Store"
9 Afternoon function
12 Detest
13 What country engaged with Argentina in a boundary dispute over the Chaco region?
15 Hebrew name for God
16 Frolic
18 Free from something obnoxious
19 Pronoun
21 To wait
23 Observe
26 Distant
28 What Roman emperor foretold a sentence of death by committing suicide?
30 Hastened
31 Biblical name
33 What is the longest river in the world?
35 Symbol for ruthenium
36 Pertaining to peace
38 Native chief (India)
40 Symbol for manganese
41 Persian coin
43 Speak monotonously
44 Help
46 Periods
48 Drunkards
49 Secular
51 Remain
53 Concerning
54 What Americans can poet wrote "Lenore"?
56 A jot
58 Behold!
60 Who was married to

Josephine Beauharnais? (abbr.)
63 Pellet
65 Scene
66 During whose reign did the union of Scotland with England take place?
67 Leaping amphibian
DOWN
1 Pronoun
2 What American State is the leading producer of grapefruit?
3 By
4 Cloth
5 Scene of a recent war
6 What is the name of the most recent planetarium built in New York?
7 Correlative of either
8 Established value
9 To what English royal family did Elizabeth belong?
10 Each (abbr.)
11 Interjection
14 Remove seed from cotton
17 Pound

(abbr.)
20 Narrow woven band
22 Goddess of discord
24 Neapolitan dance
25 Hardens
26 Beast
27 Row
29 Field
32 Contract for the labour of
34 Makes a mistake
37 Vehicles
39 Means of entrance
42 What is the missing part of the name of the American temperance crusader? Carrie — ?
45 Insane (colloq.)
47 French river
50 Cry of the pigeon
52 Yukon territory (abbr.)
53 Capable
55 Ancient
60 Symbol for sodium.
61 Indefinite article
62 Half an em
64 Maiden loved by Zeus

SOLUTION TOMORROW

WATER-POLO TOURNAMENT: 13 ENTRIES

DRAW FOR FIRST TWO WEEKS

The Y.M.C.A. Water-Polo section yesterday held their final meeting to discuss details of the forthcoming tournament. Mr. R. Goldman was in the chair.

Thirteen teams from the Army, Navy and Y.M.C.A. are competing. The entrance fee for each team will be \$3. It was also agreed that there will be no "ducking" rule and the time for the game will be ten minutes all-in each half with three minutes interval.

Sgt. Page, of 5th A.A., was appointed representative of the R.A. The referees' sub-committee was also formed in the meeting.

THE DRAW

Following is the draw for the first two weeks of the tournament and the place and time of playing:

Navy "A" v. 5th R.A. Naval pool, May 22, 5.30 p.m.; Middlesex "A" v. Y.M.C.A. Army pool, May 20, 8.30 p.m.; Royal Scots v. Middlesex "B", "Y" pool, May 22, 7; Navy "C" v. Signals, "Y" pool, May 20, 7; 5th A.A. v. 12th Battery, Navy pool, May 25, 11 a.m.; 5th R.A. v. Combined Small Units Army pool, May 22, 7 p.m.; Royal Navy "A" v. Y.M.C.A. Army pool, June 1, 11 a.m.; Middlesex "A" v. Combined Small Units, "Y" pool, May 27, 7 p.m.; 8th R.A. v. Middlesex "B", "Y" pool, May 25, 11 a.m.; Royal Scots v. Signals, Army pool, May 29, 7 p.m.; Navy "C" v. 12th R.A. Navy pool, May 29, 5; 5th A.A. v. Navy "B", Navy pool, May 29, at 5.30.

RECREATIONAL BOWLS RINKS

The following have been selected to represent Club de Recreio in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday:

FIRST DIVISION

"A" TEAM:—J. Luz, C. E. Marques, H. A. Alves, C. G. Silva (skip); L. F. Xavier, C. Roza Pereira, F. V. Ribeiro, F. X. Silva (skip); F. X. Soares, L. J. Silva, J. E. Noronha, R. F. Luz (skip).

"B" TEAM:—C. M. Silva, C. H. Easto, J. G. Remédios, J. J. Basto (skip); F. A. Machado, E. Souza, B. Basto (skip); C. Vas, A. M. Xavier, A. M. Rodrigues, A. P. Guterres (skip).

SECOND DIVISION

E. L. Barros, N. Beltrao, C. M. S. Alves, O. P. Remédios (skip); A. J. Osmund, A. V. Barros, F. A. Xavier, J. R. Soares (skip); F. A. Noronha, F. J. A. Marques, C. A. Lopes, M. J. A. Remédios (skip).

THIRD DIVISION

A. A. Roza, F. X. Monteiro, M. F. Pinna, P. A. Yvanovich (skip); Pat d'Almeida, E. Cunha, E. A. R. Alves, M. A. Carvalho (skip); L. A. Ribeiro, H. M. Xavier, M. Mendonça, M. Alarcon (skip).

Home Soccer

LONDON, May 13 (Reuters)—The following are the Home soccer fixtures for the coming Saturday:—

LONDON CUP

Arsenal v. West Ham.

SOUTH REGIONAL LEAGUE

Cardiff City v. West Bromwich Albion; Crystal Palace v. Southend; Fulham v. Millwall; Leicester v. Tottenham; Northampton v. Chelsea; Portsmouth v. Aldershot.

HAMPSHIRE CUP SEMI-FINAL

Queens Park Rangers v. Watford; Reading v. Brentford.

NORTH REGIONAL LEAGUE

Blackpool v. Preston North End; Bolton Wanderers v. Manchester City; Everton v. Sheffield United; Grimsby v. Barnsley.

CUNTHORPE CUP

Huddersfield v. Bury; Tranmere Rovers v. Chester.

CHESHIRE COUNTY BOWL REGIONAL MATCHES

Mansfield v. Doncaster Rovers; Stoke City v. Chesterfield.

COMBINED COUNTIES CUP FINAL

Middlesbrough v. Leeds United.

LANCASHIRE CUP FINAL

Manchester United v. Burnley.

OTHER MATCHES

Walsall v. Aston Villa.

SCOTTISH CUP FINAL REPLAY (AT GLASGOW)

Hearts v. Rangers.

CHARITY CUP FIRST ROUND

Partick Thistle v. Clyde.

Happy Valley SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

DRAW FOR SUMMER FOURLSOMES

The following is the draw of the Happy Valley Summer Foursomes competition of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club:—

Byes:—A. C. L. Bowker (7) and W. F. Simmons (18); V. G. E. Willerton (12) and T. J. Price (9); L. G. F. Bellamy (15) and A. V. Greaves (11) v. F. C. Barry (9) and W. V. Aborn (9); C. E. Moore (14) and J. H. B. Lee (11).

First Round:—J. Gellatly (18) and N. J. Bebbington (12) v. A. J. Macfadyen (18) and A. W. Muir (14); J. E. Dovery (16) and I. B. Trevor (17) v. A. E. Powell (18) and W. J. Buller (11); A. D. Humphreys (9) and L. M. S. Lloyd (12) v. R. Forrest (3) and J. W. Anderson (10); F. J. de Rome (8) and G. W. Reeve (11) v. H. H. Mundy (9) and W. Stoker (12); A. K. Mackenzie (6) and Col. Matthews (12) v. J. M. Thomson (9) and N. J. Hooker (13); A. J. Dennis (6) and W. S. Hillier (7) v. J. Linataker (12) and G. W. Sewell (11).

Second Round:—P. A. Staff beat Royal Engineers "B" by two sets to one; Royal Engineers "A" beat Royal Engineers "B" by three sets to one; Royal Engineers "A" beat Royal Army Service Corps by three sets to nil; and Royal Army Medical Corps beat Royal Army Pay Corps by two sets to one.

Third Round:—P. A. Staff beat Royal Engineers "B" by two sets to one; Royal Engineers "A" beat Royal Army Service Corps by three sets to one; Royal Army Medical Corps beat Royal Army Pay Corps by two sets to one.

Fourth Round:—P. A. Staff beat Royal Engineers "B" by two sets to one; Royal Engineers "A" beat Royal Army Service Corps by three sets to one; Royal Army Medical Corps beat Royal Army Pay Corps by two sets to one.

Final:—P. A. Staff beat Royal Engineers "A" by two sets to one; Royal Engineers "A" beat Royal Army Service Corps by three sets to one; Royal Army Medical Corps beat Royal Army Pay Corps by two sets to one.

Byes:—R. Young (6) and G. M. Park (4); W. A. Stewart (9) and J. J. H. 13 and the final on July 27.

ATHLETIC MEET ON SUNDAY

ARMY'S TEAM TO MEET THE C.A.A.F.

The Army's team for the athletic meet against Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation, to be held at the Caroline Hill Stadium this Sunday, has been selected as follows:

• Throwing the Discus: Pte. Lever and L/Cpl. Wooley (Middlesex); Throwing the Javelin: Pte. Lever and L/Cpl. Wooley (Middlesex);

• Throwing the Shot: Pte. Lever and L/Cpl. Wooley (Middlesex);

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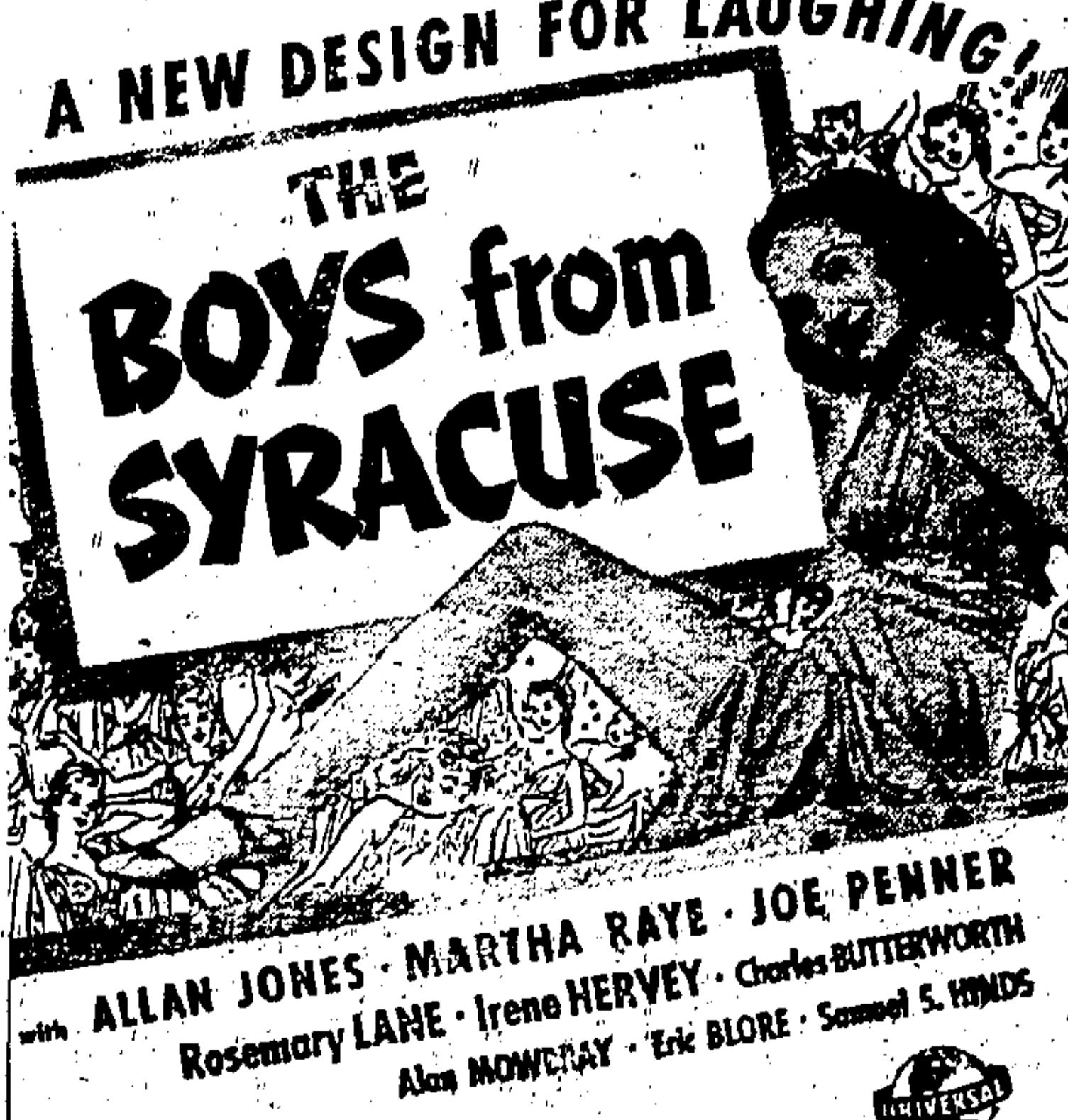
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COMING EVENTS

MAY

14—Tides: High 12.07 a.m. and 10.57 p.m. Low: 4.27 a.m. and 6.07 p.m.

Sunrise: 5.44 a.m.; Sunset: 6.25 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party, Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

H.K.P.A. Council Meeting, Association's Offices, 5.30 p.m.

H.K. Chamber Music Club' concert, Govt. House, 9.15 p.m.

Cheero Club Dance, 8.30 p.m.

St. Andrew's Fellowship Choral Evening, 8.30 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. War Work, 8 a.m. to noon.

Y.M.C.A.: First Swimming Gala, 9 p.m.

Entries close for Y.M.C.A. Tennis Tournament, 6 p.m.

15—Tides: High 1.08 a.m. and 11.43 p.m. Low: 5.03 a.m. and 6.55 p.m.

Sunrise: 5.43 a.m.; Sunset: 6.36 p.m.

Cheero Club Bridge and Mahjong, Y.M.C.A. Men's Club Tiffin, St. Francis' Hotel, 1 p.m.

Victoria Chess Club, Gloucester Hotel, 5 p.m.

Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

St. Andrew's (Medical) War Work 10 a.m.

16—Tides: High 2.11 a.m. and 12.28 p.m. Low: 5.39 a.m. and 7.34 p.m.

Sunrise: 5.43 a.m.; Sunset: 6.56 p.m.

Claims against Estate of late Mr. G. I. Gallo due.

Claims against Estate of late Mr. R. M. McLay due.

Annual Meeting of China Emporium, Ltd., Queen's Road Central, 4 p.m.

Cheero Club Darts and Table Tennis.

La Sale Old Boys' Assn. Lecture, Lighter Shades in Education, 8 p.m.

Crown Land Sales, D.O. South, 11 a.m.

17—Tides: High 3.19 a.m. and 1.22 p.m. Low: 6.24 a.m. and 8.25 p.m.

Sunrise: 5.42 a.m.; Sunset: 6.56 p.m.

H.K. and Yaumai Ferry Co., Ltd., Annual Meeting, Company's Offices, Jordan Road, Ferry Pier, 11 a.m.

Far East Flying Training School Students' Union Graduation Tea Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 5 p.m.

Entries close for "Show Jumping Competition" of H.K. Polo Club Gymkhana, noon.

18—Tides: High 4.30 a.m. and 2.28 p.m. Low: 7.31 a.m. and 9.37 p.m.

Sunrise: 5.42 a.m.; Sunset: 6.57 p.m.

Chinese Australasian Assn. Supper Dance, H.K. Hotel, 8 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m.

H.K. Police Rifle and Revolver Club, Annual Championships, Tai Kok Tsui.

Athletics—Army (Medical) v. South China, Caroline Hill.

19—Tides: High 5.32 a.m. and 3.54 p.m. Low: 9.32 a.m. and 10.52 p.m.

Sunrise: 5.42 a.m.; Sunset: 6.57 p.m.

H.K. Amateur Cinema Club Film Show, European Y.M.C.A., West Lounge, 7 p.m.

20—Tides: High 6.20 a.m. and 5.21 p.m. Low: 11.25 a.m. and 11.39 p.m.

Sunrise: 5.41 a.m.; Sunset: 6.58 p.m.

La Sale Old Boys' Assn. Lecture, "Religion and Life," 8 p.m.

21—Tides: High 6.57 a.m. and 6.35 p.m. Low: 12.36 a.m. and 12.36 p.m.

Sunrise: 5.41 a.m.; Sunset: 6.59 p.m.

H.K. Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Annual Meeting, Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., noon.

22—Tides: High 7.27 a.m. and 7.37 p.m. Low: 12.23 a.m. and 1.24 p.m.

Sunrise: 5.41 a.m.; Sunset: 6.59 p.m.

H.K. Police Rifle and Revolver Club, Annual Championships, Tai Kok Tsui.

Athletics—Army (Medical) v. South China, Caroline Hill.

23—Tides: High 8.02 a.m. and 6.34 p.m. Low: 12.55 a.m. and 12.55 p.m.

Sunrise: 5.41 a.m.; Sunset: 6.58 p.m.

La Sale Old Boys' Assn. Lecture, "Religion and Life," 8 p.m.

24—Tides: High 8.37 a.m. and 6.35 p.m. Low: 12.36 a.m. and 12.36 p.m.

Sunrise: 5.41 a.m.; Sunset: 6.59 p.m.

H.K. Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Annual Meeting, Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., noon.

25—Tides: High 9.12 a.m. and 7.37 p.m. Low: 12.23 a.m. and 1.24 p.m.

Sunrise: 5.41 a.m.; Sunset: 6.59 p.m.

H.K. Police Rifle and Revolver Club, Annual Championships, Tai Kok Tsui.

Athletics—Army (Medical) v. South China, Caroline Hill.

26—Tides: High 9.47 a.m. and 7.37 p.m. Low: 12.23 a.m. and 1.24 p.m.

Sunrise: 5.41 a.m.; Sunset: 6.59 p.m.

H.K. Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Annual Meeting, Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., noon.

27—Tides: High 10.22 a.m. and 8.07 p.m. Low: 12.23 a.m. and 1.24 p.m.

Sunrise: 5.41 a.m.; Sunset: 6.59 p.m.

H.K. Police Rifle and Revolver Club, Annual Championships, Tai Kok Tsui.

Athletics—Army (Medical) v. South China, Caroline Hill.

28—Tides: High 10.57 a.m. and 8.42 p.m. Low: 12.23 a.m. and 1.24 p.m.

Sunrise: 5.41 a.m.; Sunset: 6.59 p.m.

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H.K. Police Rifle and Revolver Club, Annual Championships, Tai Kok Tsui.

Athletics—Army (Medical) v. South China, Caroline Hill.

30—Tides: High 12.07 a.m. and 9.52 p.m. Low: 12.23 a.m. and 1.24 p.m.

Sunrise: 5.41 a.m.; Sunset: 6.59 p.m.

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Sunrise: 5.41 a.m.; Sunset: 6.59 p.m.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.

"Iolanthe"—Overture — The B.B.C. Theatre Orchestra cond. by Stanford Robinson.

"The Yeomen of the Guard"—Vocal Gems—Columbia Light

Orchestra w/Orchestra.

"Trial by Jury"—Hark, the Hour of Ten is

Sounding—George Baker and Chorus:

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Derek Oldham and Chorus: When First my Old Old Love—Derek Oldham,

George Baker and Chorus: All Hall Great Judge—Chorus: "The

Gondoliers"—To Help Unhappy Commo

ners—Henry Lytton and Bertha Lewis with Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal.

1.01 Reginald Foote at the Organ.

Toy Land Medley — Intro: Teddy Bears' Picnic; Wedding of the Painted Doll—Alex Moore presents Manovka and his Music for Dancing Tangos—

Manila; Poor Princess — Bernardo Alemany et son Orchestre Argentin des "Ambassadeurs" Swing Fox-Trot—

Night Glow: Stomp It Off—Tommy Dorsey and his Orchestra Fox-Trot—Irene (film "Irene") — Waltz—Alice Blue Gown (film "Irene") — Wayne King and his Orch. Fox-Trot—Goodnight My Beautiful—Ken "Snakehips" Johnson and his West Indian Orch.

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 Amy Woodforde-Finden's "Four Indian Love Lyrics" sung by Nelson Eddy (Baritone).

8.16 An Orchestral and Violin Programme.

With the Classics — Medley (arr. Sidney Crook)—Intro: Polonaise (Chopin); Moments Musicals (Schubert); Rosamunde Ballet (Schubert); Nocturne (Chopin); March (Tchaikovsky); Waltz of the Flowers (T

RUDOLF HESS CRASHES IN SCOTLAND IN FLIGHT FROM REICH

Plane Fuelled For One-Way Trip Only: Nazi Statement Alleges "Mental Disorder"

LONDON, May 13 (Reuter)—Leaving behind a farewell note, Rudolf Hess has fled from Germany and is now in Scotland. He crashed from a German fighter which significantly did not have enough petrol to return to Germany.

The most amazing story of the war was told last night in a communiqué from No. 10 Downing Street a few hours after Berlin had attempted to anticipate the news by stating that Hess had left a note showing traces of mental disorder and had either committed suicide or fallen from plane.

Hess, who broke his ankle when he landed, brought photographs of himself at different ages to establish his identity and he has been recognised by several people who knew him well.

A Foreign Office official has flown to Glasgow to see him in hospital.

Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, Minister of Information, was present at the Ministry when this remarkable announcement was read to representatives of the world's press in a tense atmosphere.

The earlier German announcement was obviously breaking the news to Germans that Hitler's "shadow" and successor-designate after Goering had disappeared.

The Berlin statement said that Hitler had ordered the arrest of Hess' adjutants for not preventing or reporting his flight, and there are several attempts to suggest that Hess is suffering from mental disorder.

BRITISH STATEMENT

The following statement was issued from No. 10 Downing Street at 11 p.m. last night:

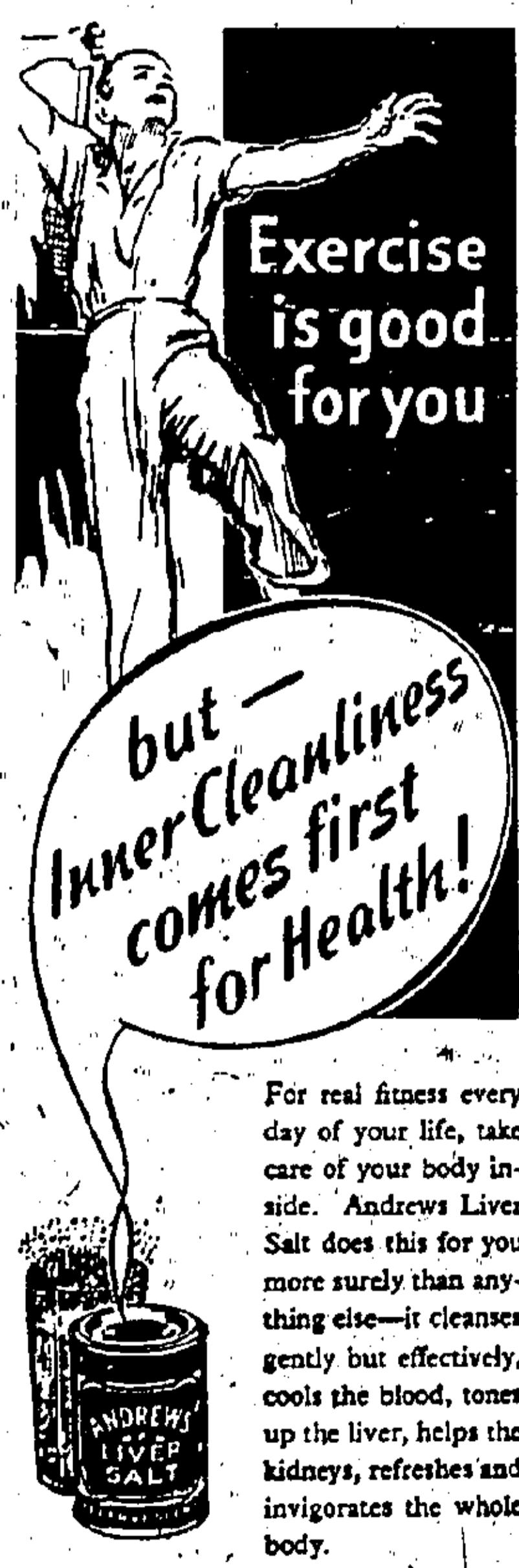
"Rudolf Hess, the Deputy Führer of Germany and a Party Leader of the National Socialists has landed in Scotland in the following circumstances:

"On the night of Saturday, May 10, he left Augsburg, Bavaria, in an aeroplane for an unknown destination and landed by parachute in Scotland, sustaining a broken ankle, necessitating hospital treatment."

"When he was taken, no gave his name as Horn out later on he declared that he was Rudolf Hess.

BRUGHT PHOTOGRAPHS

"He brought with him various photographs of himself at different ages, apparently in order to establish identity. These photographs were deemed to be photographs of Hess by several people who knew him personally.



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IRAQI USURPER CRITICISED

No Reply To Egyptian Offer Of Mediation

CAIRO, May 13 (Reuter)—Moscow radio on Sunday night sharply criticised the attitude of Raschid Ali the usurper, according to Ankara reports.

In a broadcast for Rumania, the announcer is said to have described them as instruments of foreign Powers.

It is understood that no reply has yet been received from Raschid Ali to Egypt's offer to mediate in the dispute with Britain.

The Middle East R.A.F. communiqué states that in Iraq, "the situation has become stabilised."

FLIGHT TO SPAIN

Last month Hess was reported to have flown to Spain with a message for General Franco.

Later an official denial that he was actually visiting Spain was issued but it did not say that he had not been there.

Two days ago, Hess was at the Nazi Brown House in Munich receiving Admiral Salvador Merino, the Spanish Minister of Marine, and leader of the Spanish Falangist syndicate.

NAZI VERSION

Rudolf Hess, Hitler's Deputy, has met with sudden death in mysterious circumstances while on an aeroplane flight from Augsburg, Bavaria, from where he took off on May 10.

An official announcement by the National Socialist Party issued by the German news agency yesterday suggests that Hess was suffering from "mental disorder" and says that he "either jumped out of the plane or met with an accident."

It adds that Hitler has ordered the arrest of the dead man's adjutants.

NAZI NO. 3

The 45-year-old Hess was the "Nazi No. 3." He was to follow Marshal Goering as successor to Hitler in the event of their deaths.

The official announcement of the National Socialist Party broadcast by the German news agency states:

"The Party member, Rudolf Hess, who, owing to his suffering from illness of many years standing, was strictly forbidden by the Führer to embark upon any further flying activity, recently was able, while contrary to orders, to get possession of an aeroplane."

"On Saturday, May 10, at about 6 p.m., Rudolf Hess set off on a flight from Augsburg from which he has not returned up to the present time."

MENTAL DISORDER

A letter which Hess left behind shows by its distractiveness traces of mental disorder and it is feared that Hess was a victim of hallucination.

"The Führer at once ordered the arrest of the adjutants of the Party member Hess, who alone have any knowledge of these flights and who, contrary to the Führer's orders, of which they were fully aware, did not prevent or failed to report these flights."

"In these circumstances it must be considered that Party member Hess has either jumped out of his plane or met with an accident."

ARGENTINA SIDES WITH BRITAIN

BUENOS AIRES, May 13 (Reuter)—"We want no regimes that are against liberty, human dignity and Christ," declared Dr. B. E. Alvear, former President of the Argentine Republic and leader of the Liberals, addressing the Radical Party Convention celebrations of the 137th anniversary of the Argentine Assembly's adoption of the song "Liberty" as the national anthem.

Denouncing Argentinians who "now clamour for neutrality," Dr. Alvear said that there were some people who some time ago thought that they could make trouble over the Falkland Islands, but that question would never ruffle Anglo-Argentine relations and some day would be settled in the friendliest way.

SOUTH ANHWEI

May 13 (Central)—The Japanese driving southward from Tukang on the south bank of the Yangtze River, above Wuhan, have been completely repulsed by the Chinese. They slaughtered many civilians and burned down a lot of houses in their retreat.

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REPORTED NAZI PRESSURE ON VICHY FOR THE USE OF PAU-SARAGOSSA RAILWAY

LONDON, May 13 (Reuter)—The Germans are reported to be pressing the Vichy Government for permission to use the Pau-Saragossa Railway to convey German troops to Spain, because the Bordeaux-St. Sebastian line in occupied territory is inadequate to carry troops in large numbers, says an independent French Agency correspondent on the French frontier.

There are no indications that the Germans intend the immediate use of the Pau line even if Vichy agrees, but they have made the request apparently to convince the Vichy Government that General Franco has assented to the passage of German troops through Spain.

Marshal Petain so far does not seem to have consented.

NEW DECREES

CAIRO, May 13 (Reuter)—Following his recent far-reaching administrative changes, General Franco yesterday issued a number of decrees, making changes in high Army posts.

These include the appointment of General Ascencio Cabanillas, hitherto High Commissioner to Spanish Morocco, to be Chief of Staff.

A new C-in-C of the Balearic Islands is also appointed, General González replacing General Kindelan, who takes command of the Fourth Region of Spain.

General Miguel Ponte, hitherto General Commanding the Army in Morocco, is made a Captain-General.

ENVOY'S MOVEMENTS

CAIRO, May 13 (Reuter)—The French Ambassador in Madrid, M. Pletti, returned to Spain yesterday from Vichy, where he had a talk with Marshal Petain.

The Emir is in excellent health.

The rumours are ascribed in Trans-Jordan circles to hostile propagandists.

BRITISH SUCCESSES IN ABYSSINIA

NAIROBI, May 13 (Reuter)—Despite bad weather, British forces in the southern sector of Abyssinia are following up their successes while strong pressure is being maintained by columns operating south of Addis Ababa.

The enemy's morale, according to reports received here, is being shaken by ground strafing by the South African Air Force and the attacks of various patriot armies directed against the Italian flank and rear.

NELSON T. JOHNSON

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MIDNIGHT ALERT

Before midnight an alert was sounded in the London area, but for some time afterwards no raiders were heard overhead.

PARLIAMENT WILL CARRY ON IN REPLICA OF WRECKED CHAMBER

LONDON, May 13 (Reuter)—The extensive damage done to the House of Commons will make necessary the use of the replica of that Chamber which has existed elsewhere for some time past and which has actually been used on a number of occasions for full meetings of the House of Commons, writes Reuter's Parliamentary correspondent.

The reserve chamber is smaller than the original House of Commons. The Speaker's chair, green benches and gangways familiar to visitors are reproduced in form, though the familiar green leather is replaced by green cloth.

The Press sit at the opposite end of the chamber from that to which they are accustomed, sharing the available space with diplomats who formerly had their own very exclusive gallery.

It is not, therefore in any hasty or improvised fashion that the destruction of the old Commons will be met.

Another site is ready and complete in every detail and is well prepared in debate, which have taken place there.

There is a similar reproduction of the House of Lords in existence which has also met already in its new surroundings.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Surrounded by ruins, Westminster Abbey today is structurally intact.

An examination shows that the roof is not irretrievably damaged and the organ, one of the finest in the country, is undamaged.

Four of the ancient stone arches of the Little Cloister have been damaged by fire.

The Abbey music, the library and

MAYORS KILLED

Two mayors have been killed in raids on London. The Mayor of Westminster on Saturday night while visiting a shelter which received a direct hit, and the Mayor of Bermondsey, who was helping in fighting fire in a recent raid.

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BANK OF CANTON FINED \$5,000: TRANSACTION WITH ENEMY ALIEN

Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., in giving his decision yesterday at the Central Magistracy in the case in which the BANK OF CANTON, LTD., No. 6, Des Voeux Road Central, was summoned for enabling an enemy alien in Shanghai to obtain money or credit, said that at first he thought that the offence was so serious that he would have no alternative but to impose the maximum penalty of \$10,000.

But, after hearing the full statement by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, who represented defendant, Mr. Sheldon said that he realised the extraordinarily peculiar position of the Shanghai branch of the Bank and came to the conclusion that it was an unfortunate affair and that the Hongkong Office did not deliberately intend to do anything wrong.

For these reasons, he said, he felt justified in imposing a fine of only \$5,000.

The summons against the Bank was for dealing, on December 3, 1940, "without lawful authority, with US\$35,000 for the purpose of enabling an enemy" the Italian Bank of China, Shanghai, to obtain money or credit.

Mr. T. J. Gould, Crown Counsel, who prosecuted, said that on certain information, enquiries were directed to the Bank. As a result of replies, a warrant was taken out, under which certain documents were obtained from the Bank. The case was best given in the documents themselves.

There were telegrams exchanged between the Shanghai branch, the Hongkong Head Office and the Guarantee Trust Company in New York.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED

On Dec. 3 last, the Head Office received a telegram from the Shanghai Branch asking them to transfer US\$35,000 to the Guarantee Trust Company to the credit of the Italian Bank. The Head Office then cabled its agents in New York to transact and at the same time requesting them to cable the Shanghai Branch saying: "We only wire pay Guarantee Trust Company. We do not mention for whose account."

A reply was received from the Shanghai Branch reading: "Reply to your cable just received. We have cabled for whose account."

Mr. Gould submitted that indicative of these telegrams was that the officer of the Bank knew that he was breaking the law by virtue of the fact that he mentioned that they did not say for whose account it was credited.

He further said that he learned from Mr. Lo that the Bank was not motivated by any desire to impede the war effort, but as they did know that they were breaking the law, he asked his Worship to impose a severe penalty.

PLEA OF GUILTY

Pleading guilty to a technical offence, Mr. Lo said: "Before I come to the facts of this case I would like to deal generally with the Bank's position in relation to the war. This is a Chinese bank and its actions have always been guided by the conviction that the interests of China and Great Britain are bound up, and that the cause of both countries is identical."

Ever since the European war started the Bank has fulfilled its duties in financing businesses in Hongkong irrespective of any period of tension or depression through which the Colony has passed. It has consistently supported generously all war efforts and charities. I may mention that only quite recently this Bank and its Chief Manager, and Assistant Chief Managers, contributed literally towards the purchase of mobile canteens to Great Britain for which the thanks of the Secretary of State for the Colonies were received through H.E. the Acting Governor. In regard to the last issue of Hongkong Government bonds this was one of the few banks in Hongkong which responded to the issue, and took up bonds to the value of half a million dollars. Its pro-Allied feelings and support are well known. I understand that Government fully accepts this position."

THE FACTS

Coming now to the facts. The Bank was re-organised in 1938. Most of its officers have come from the North. As Your Worship may know, concerns like this Bank always regard the assets of its branches as being absolutely separate and distinct from one another, and from the Head Office.

On account of the political situation the Shanghai Office in 1938 transferred all its liquid assets to Hongkong, with the request that the Hongkong office should send them to America and hold them on behalf of the Shanghai branch.

When the telegram was received asking the Bank to charge the Shanghai branch with US\$35,000 and pay to the Guarantee Trust of New York, for account of the

WAITING FOR THEIR TURN



Part of the large crowd at the rice Depot at Central Market. (King's Studio).

GOVERNMENT IS PETITIONED TO MODIFY RICE MONOPOLY SCHEME

The price per picul for rice at rice-dealers' stores yesterday fell to \$13.50, or a dollar below the officially controlled price obtainable at the "Fair-Price" rice depots.

This is attributed to the efforts of the Social Work Committee, which, under the direction of the Rev. H. A. Wittenbach, has set up rice selling centres in various parts of the Colony for the purpose of disposing rice at Government prices.

Many Chinese rice dealers are now selling below Government fixed prices, though the rice being disposed of in this way is for the most part of mixed grades.

During the first two days of operation, the Social Work Committee centres sold enormous quantities of rice to Chinese who came in great numbers to take advantage of the cheaper prices.

Sales fell off, however, yesterday, the same prices and in some cases cheaper rates being obtainable at the ordinary dealers. Two new "Fair Price" rice depots were opened yesterday afternoon, though, at West Point and Wanchai, both are doing good business.

PETITION MADE

It is learned that wholesale rice merchants have petitioned Government to modify the monopoly scheme announced last week. The petition was submitted by Mr. Li Koon-chun and Mr. Chau Shul-kai, representing the Rice Merchants' Association, through the Chinese Members of Council, yesterday morning.

The petition points out that the import and export of rice constitute one of the Colony's major commercial activities and will be completely stopped by the monopoly scheme coming into operation. It is submitted that when this happens several thousand people will be thrown out of employment and there may be some flight of capital from the Colony.

The petition urges the Government to modify the monopoly scheme to the extent of allowing wholesale business to continue. Government, it is suggested, should import the rice but permit the present wholesalers to sell the rice to retailers for the Government.

HEALTH BULLETIN

The following is the Returns of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at midnight on May 9.—Cerebro-Spinal Fever, one case; Cholera, three cases; Diphtheria, two cases; Dysentery, four cases; Enteric Fever, one case; Measles, two cases; Tuberculosis, 53 cases.

EASTERN PORTS

The Health Bulletin of Eastern Ports for the week ending on May 3 is as follows:—Cholera: Macao, 10 cases; Small-Pox: Bangkok, one case; Shanghai, five cases.

NO RESTRICTION

I have told Your Worship that it was an exchange for another. In this case, Chinese National dollars were given in exchange for American dollars. I have told Your Worship that these American dollars actually belong to the Shanghai Office. I understand that in the International Settlement the buying and selling of foreign exchange as well as other commodities is free and without any restriction of any kind. Such transactions are usually done through exchange brokers, in which neither the seller nor the buyer is known one to the other until the contract is actually tendered by the broker.

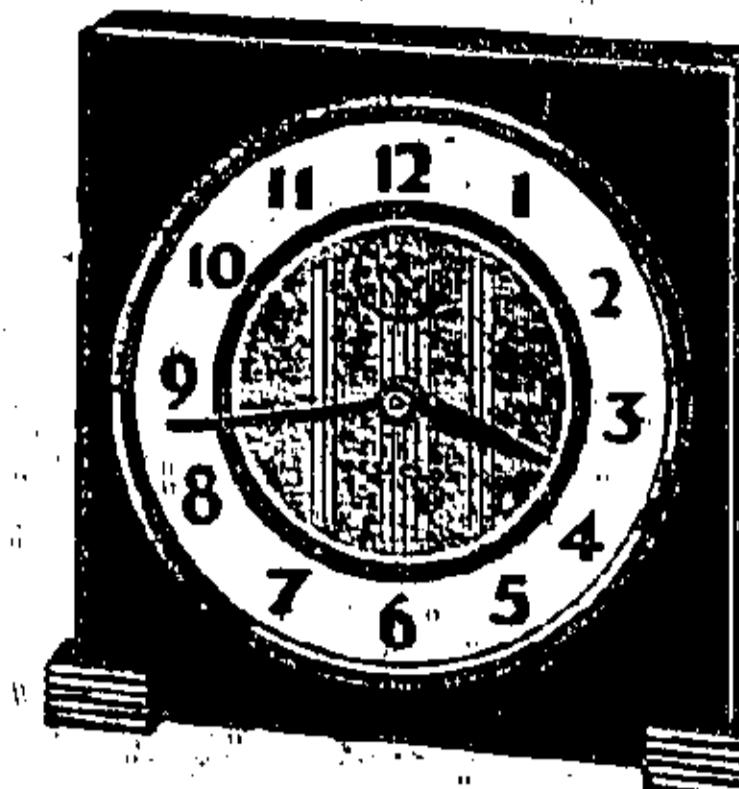
Had the Shanghai Office repudiated its bargain on ascertaining that the buyer was the Italian Bank, the branch could have been sued in the Chinese Courts and its officers might be subject to actual violence. And the same transaction could have been and would have been carried through by another bank.

A LAST POINT

May I make a last point? Suppose the Shanghai Office had

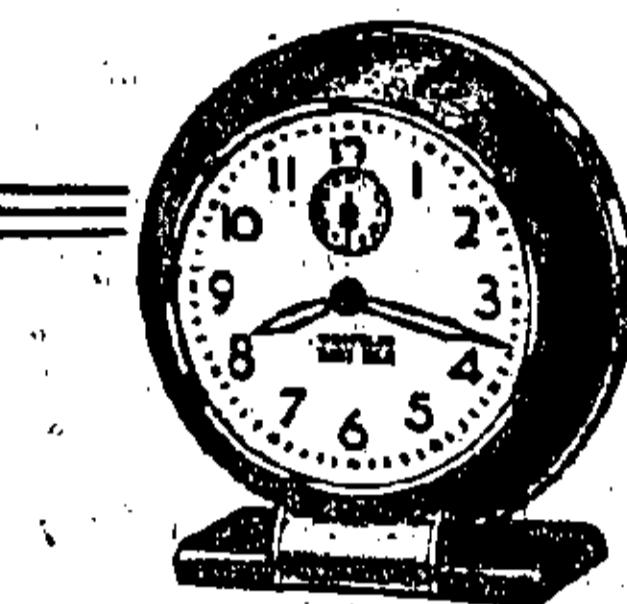
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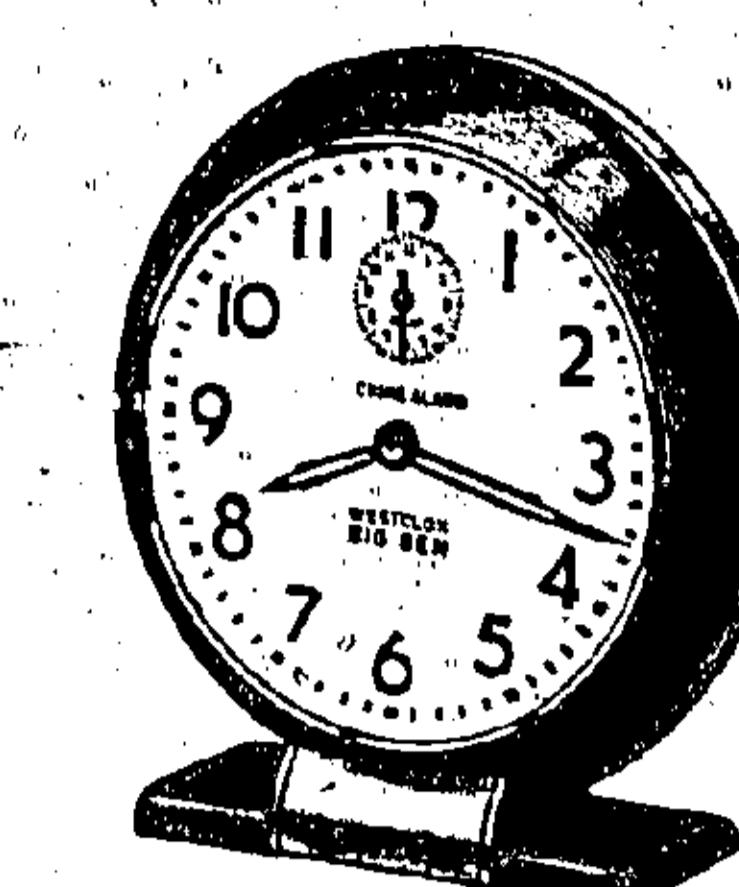
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State Lottery For Hongkong

BY A STAFF REPORTER

On June 22, 1940, the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce wrote to the Government stating that "REPRESENTATIONS HAVING BEEN RECEIVED THAT GOVERNMENT BE REQUESTED TO ORGANISE A LOTTERY FOR THE PURPOSE OF RAISING WAR FUNDS," that representative body of commercial houses in Hongkong was in "support of the proposal on the grounds that it would appeal to a large section of the community which would not be reached by appeals for voluntary contributions."

Despite this support, Government decided, however, "TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF THIS MATTER FOR THE TIME BEING."

The savage bombing of London on Saturday should convince the authorities that this war cannot be won with kid gloves on—that it is an "all out" war, and that chivalry and rules of warfare are extinct as dinosaurs.

SOURCE OF REVENUE

Government's work is to help win this war and to do everything in its power to encourage the people to contribute to the common cause. By refusing to consider the proposal for a STATE LOTTERY, sponsored by responsible parties and supported by the General Chamber of Commerce, the authorities are neglecting a most valuable source of revenue.

What are Government's objections to the lottery? On the grounds of encouraging gambling or degradation of morals? Is it more moral to accept a contribution from the Jockey Club—said contribution being "part of the net proceeds" of a special cash-sweep—than to organise a state lottery?

A STATE LOTTERY DOES NOT ENCOURAGE GAMBLING—it discourages the organising of illegal lotteries like tse-fa and po-pui as no one, in his senses, would invest in an illegal lottery when there exists Government lotteries.

If Government could accept donations which are "part of the net proceeds" of cash-sweeps, it should not be difficult for them to stop being squeamish about conducting their own sweeps.

LOTTERIES V. TAXATION

Taxation, it is true, goes a considerable way but, if carried too far, will bring the standard of living pitifully low as it now is, still lower. Voluntary contributions pall after the first flush of enthusiasm as can be seen by comparing the "takings" of the first few days, or weeks, with what the

taking off on his lone flight—and it is doubtful whether the true facts will ever be made known to the world. Herr Hitler will find it difficult to conceal from his people the reaction which this incident will have on the Nazi Party itself. Herr Hess had proved himself an invaluable figure in this Nazi organisation and was credited even by the Fuehrer with having contributed tireless efforts towards perfecting the system which enabled Herr Hitler to rule his people. His reward from his leader was to be placed second in the list of successors to the German Fuehrer and a great deal of explaining will have to be furnished by the Nazi Party to account for this sudden contretemps. It will, of course, be interesting to hear what Herr Hess himself will have to say about his hallucinations. There may be other explanations for his conduct, but one cannot help failing to see the tiny seed of discord and discontent which seems to be taking root in the diseased minds of the Nazi gangsters—a seed which will sooner or later make them turn on each other with accusing fingers raised. It is the chief of this diseased coterie who will then have to stand up and face his accusers and, if the writing on the wall is correct, he will find himself very much alone.

A paper entitled "Modern Methods in the Treatment of Pulmonary Tuberculosis" was read by Dr. Li Shu-fan to the Hongkong Chinese Medical Association at the Chinese Merchants' Club last night.

The transfer books of the Company will be closed from the 7th to 17th May, 1941, both days inclusive.

LAU TAK PO,
Managing Director.

Hong Kong, 1st May, 1941.

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THE SOUL OF FRANCE IS INTACT, SAYS COMMANDER OF FREE FRENCH FORCES

"The soul of France remains intact and we mean to keep it so. We have adopted the motto of 'Liberty or Death,'" said VICE-ADMIRAL MUSELLIER, Commander-in-Chief of the Free French Naval and Air Forces, in the course of a talk which was read over the radio from London yesterday.

Admiral Musellier recalled the whole country is occupied! That cry was now the aim of the Free French Government. It had begun when Frenchmen felt that their defeat was not final, that hope must not be abandoned and that the last word had yet to be said.

"With this faith, Britain and the French Empire can still stand together in the path of the invader," continued Admiral Musellier. "The faith which has called men to arms under General de Gaulle is the same faith which has called the British people to fight on until victory. This is not quixotic foolhardiness, but common-sense."

Admiral Musellier went on to state that the Vichy Government had been operating under subservience. On the other hand, the whole world knew today that Britain was determined to be victorious.

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At the time of the armistice," said Admiral Musellier, "we had to make difficult decisions, torn between loyalty to our people and our desire for freedom. We are proud to know that in their heart of hearts our patriots, enslaved, but unconquered, are with us and are doing all they can to help us. The motto of the French patriots is 'Long Live de Gaulle!' In France it is being written on thousands of walls as a challenge to Herr Hitler.

"Millions of our countrymen are anxiously awaiting the day when they can rise up and take the initiative and attack the invader."

Admiral Musellier declared that the Free French forces came into existence in July 1940. Volunteers continued to roll in from all parts of the world and many of them had run the greatest risks in coming to serve under General de Gaulle and some had been in constant danger of their lives.

FIGHT FOR FREEDOM
Thanks to the active co-operation of the British Government, all difficulties were overcome and detachments of air and land forces were now carrying on the fight for freedom. They had fought in the African desert and had taken part in the attack on Massawa.

The Free French Navy included submarines, destroyers, sloops, escort vessels, mine-sweepers, submarine chasers and motor torpedo boats in full commission. These ships flew the French flag and were employed in convoy escort duty. They had also rendered valuable services in helping to sink enemy ships and in attacks on submarines.

Unfortunately they had not all come through unscathed and one submarine had been lost in the Adriatic.

VERY SMALL SCALE
German air activity over Britain last night was on a very small scale, states an Air Ministry communiqué.

It is reported that bombs were dropped at places in south-west England, East Anglia and elsewhere. Little damage was done and the total of casualties was small.

One German aircraft was destroyed.

INCREASING
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"They affect you hardly less than your fellow-men and women in Great Britain".

It was no more possible to suppose that the United States could maintain its way of life if Nazi rule was established over the British Commonwealth and the British sea power destroyed than it was to suppose Britain could survive if Hitler was supreme over the rest of Europe.

LONDON, May 13 (Reuter)—General Charles de Gaulle, leader of the Free French forces, attended a Joan of Arc memorial service at Brazzaville, West Africa, yesterday. He also reviewed the troops and conferred decorations, states the Brazzaville radio.

DEMONSTRATION OF NORWEGIAN SOLIDARITY

Hundreds At Funeral Of R.A.F. Airmen

LONDON, May 13 (Reuter)—Loftoten Islands fishermen have threatened to destroy their nets and cease fishing altogether if any more of their houses are destroyed by the Germans who are burning them as reprisal for the British raid, it was learned in London.

An amazing demonstration of Norwegian solidarity with Britain occurred at a recent funeral of three British airmen shot down during the raid.

WORD OF MOUTH
Although a lonely island was chosen for the burial, and the date and place kept secret, it leaked out and was passed on by word of mouth.

When the cortege arrived at the tiny island the Germans were astonished to find hundreds of people, who had crossed in scores of small boats, lining the grave-side according to a message to the Norwegian telegraph agency.

WAR PRISONERS IN INDIA

SIMLA, May 13 (Reuter)—India has hitherto accepted the responsibility for accommodating the 34,000 European prisoners of war on behalf of His Majesty's Government, says a Press communiqué.

Up to date, approximately 30,000 prisoners of war have arrived in India, of which over 3,000 are officers. It is learned that there are no German prisoners in India.

HESS EXAMINED AND FOUND SANE

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"Last night we were told all Halifax, referred to the Hess episode in the course of his speech to the Mid-Central War Resources Board on Monday night.

"Perhaps Herr Hess saw the writing on the wall," Lord Halifax observed.

"Or perhaps it was because of madness. If so, he is not the only one in Germany."

Lord Halifax's comment, inserted into the prepared text of his speech, evoked chuckles from the audience.

THE FIRST RAT
CAIRO, May 13 (Reuter)—Commenting on the desertion, a Cairo commentator said: "The first rat to leave the ship."

LED INTO TRAP
BERLIN, May 13 (Reuter)—Commenting on Herr Hess's arrival in Britain, a Berlin announcement says that it is conceivable that Herr Hess could do a deal with this country. It certainly looks as if Dr. Goebbels is losing his grip."

HALIFAX ON INCIDENT
KANSAS CITY, May 13 (Reuter)—The British Ambassador, Lord

THE MOST SENSATIONAL EVENT IN NAZI POLITICAL HISTORY SINCE PURGE OF 1934

LONDON, May 13 (Reuter)—Since the 1934 purge when Captain Roehm and other National Socialist Party leaders were killed on Hitler's personal intervention, the mystery of the death or suicide of Rudolf Hess is probably the most sensational event in German political history.

Hess was a man of imposing presence, tall and well-built, and with intense commanding eyes. He was one of the Nazi old guard. Although he never played an open part in the Nazi Cabinet in the way of Goering or Goebbels, he has often been reported to have had great influence over Hitler.

Addressing the German Reichstag on September 1, 1939, on the day of the German invasion of Poland, Hitler declared: "Should anything happen to me, then my successor is Field Marshal Goering, after him Party member Hess, to whom you would then owe your duty as Leader just as you owe to me."

At one time, pictures of Hess were seen more often in the illustrated papers and on the screen than of any other Nazi leader except Hitler.

HITLER'S "FRIDAY"
Herr Hess has been described as "Hitler's man Friday" and "Hitler's shadow".

The Führer had nominated him as his successor designate after Marshal Goering. He was responsible to Hitler alone above Him, Goebbels, von Ribbentrop and Goering.

Hess was Hitler's private secre-

etary and never wore any other uniform but the brown shirt of a Storm Trooper or the black coat of the SS, Hitler's Black Guard.

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EDUCATED IN EGYPT
Hess spent his boyhood in Egypt and went to an English school at Alexandria. The outbreak of war in 1914 prevented him from going to an English University.

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FEELING FINE
President Roosevelt is "feeling fine" according to reports from the White House.

Although stiff and weak from the effects of recent stomach trouble the President was well enough today to receive the Australian Premier, Mr. Menzies.

MOSCOW, May 13 (Reuter)—Moscow Radio says that half the grain crop in Unoccupied France has been destroyed owing to late frost.

Japan Likened To Small Boy Stealing Candy

WASHINGTON, May 13 (Reuter)—A number of newspapers paint a picture of JAPAN as seeking a peace treaty with CHINA so as to release her forces engaged there and as being upset by reports that GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK will listen to no mediation except by the UNITED STATES, which probably would not be forthcoming.

AUSTRALIAN ATTITUDE TO PACIFIC STATUS QUO

WASHINGTON, May 13 (Reuter)—Mr. R. G. Menzies, at a lunch given by the National Press Club yesterday, was asked the Australian attitude towards the maintenance of the status quo in the Pacific.

He replied that he regarded Singapore as highly important, in fact, the key to the defence of the Pacific for freedom loving peoples and the Australian policy would be dictated by what attitude any other Power adopted towards Singapore and Australia.

His country would firstly do everything to defend Australia against anyone and, secondly, defend that most important key, Singapore, whether they have already sent soldiers and air units.

INDIA POSTAL ORDER

BALUCHISTAN, May 13 (Reuter)—Postal authorities in India have decided to discontinue the present pictorial series of postage stamps.

Pictorials at present in use will continue to be sold until the stock is exhausted.

PRESCRIPTION OF YENCHING UNIVERSITY

William Simms, foreign commentator of the Scripps-Howard papers, writes: "It can be said with a considerable degree of authority that there is not a ghost of a chance this country is accepting a mediation role unless Japan agrees in advance to discuss peace on the basis of the Nine-Power Treaty."

He adds that there are strategic as well as ideological reasons why the United States would not lend itself to a makeshift peace in China.

GOODWILL SACRIFICED

THE NEW YORK TIMES, in an editorial, says that after four years of bitter war, Japan has not conquered China, has expended much of her resources, sacrificed the world's goodwill and holds territory which is economically unremunerative, while the armies she must maintain there injure her internal economy.

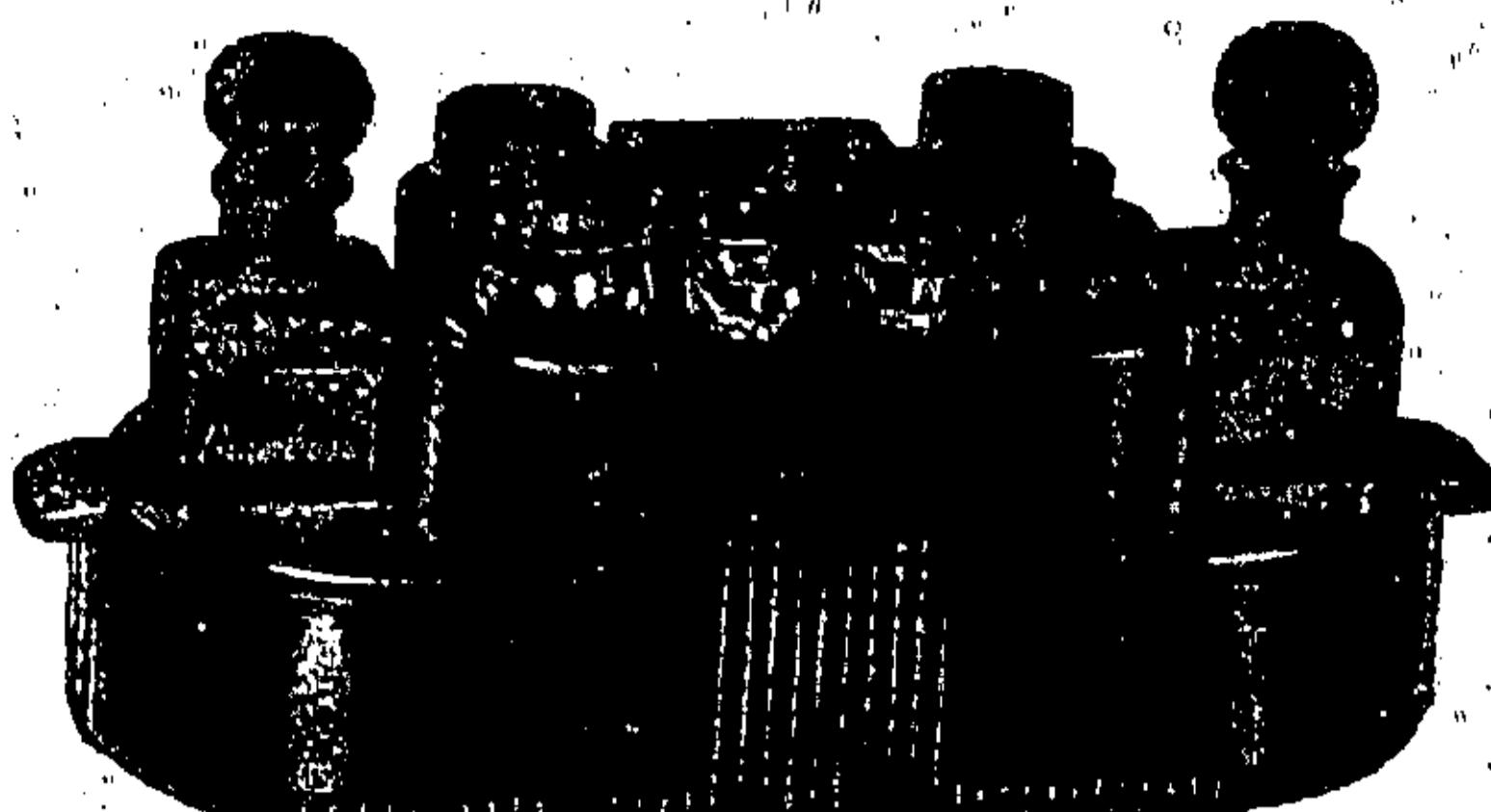
The paper says that now she sees richer booty elsewhere she would like to have her forces free to go after it.

The paper likens Japan to a small boy stealing candy who grabs a handful from one jar, then sees a more luscious fruit in another but cannot reach it without releasing the plunder he already holds.

Apparently far from preparing to mediate in the Far East, the United States, it is reported in Washington, is going further in the aid to China by assisting the establishment of air bases in Burma from which to safeguard the Burma Road to permit supplies to reach the Chinese armies freely.

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SMOULDERING RUINS OF DEBATING CHAMBER

LONDON, May 13 (Reuter)—The Debating Chamber of the House of Commons, where for a hundred years speeches of famous British Statesmen have guided the destinies of the Empire is now a mass of smouldering ruins, twisted iron girders, and crumbling roofless walls, writes Reuter's Parliamentary correspondent.

Adjoining the lobbies, rooms and straglers' gallery, and sections of corridors also present a scene of destruction in consequence of the bad hit received in Saturday night's raid.

Today, I walked through the wrecked building with Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Minister without Portfolio, who has a special mission to plan the rebuilding of Britain after the war.

Mr. Greenwood gazed sadly at the blitzed Chamber, saying: "This also now will come within my province."

BLACKEND WATER
Blackened water dripped down our backs as we groped our way along the corridors.

Sometimes it is only possible to advance with the aid of the custodian carrying the torch.

A huge mass of masonry, 50 feet high, contained fragments of precious furniture fittings lined by tradition and history with many incidents in the English Parliamentary Annals—leather-backed benches, parts of diplomatic and ladies' galleries the distinguished

Menzies Sees Roosevelt

Hour's Chat On Past, Present And Future

WASHINGTON, May 13 (Reuter)—Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, had an hour's bedside talk with President Roosevelt, after which Mr. Menzies told pressmen:

"There were few things we did not talk about. We circumnavigated the globe and it was a stimulating journey."

Minister Casey, who accompanied Mr. Menzies, said that they talked on matters of the "past, present and future."

Mr. Menzies brought no message from Mr. Winston Churchill to President Roosevelt, but it is said that he conveyed verbal personal greetings.

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PETERS' APPEAL

TOKYO, May 13 (Reuter)—The Supreme Court here this morning began the hearing of the second appeal by Mr. Vincent Oswald Peters, British merchant in Kobe who was convicted for "military espionage".

The Appellate Court on Feb. 13 reduced his prison sentence from eight to five years.

Details are not yet available.

Meanwhile, as a feature of the anti-espionage week throughout Japan, morning vernaculars carried an alleged memorandum by Mr. Peters purporting to outline action for gaining strategic information.

FIERCE S'HAI GUN BATTLE

Brush Between Puppet, Municipal Police

SHANGHAI, May 13 (Reuter)—Approximately 10 were wounded in a fierce gun battle near St. George's yesterday afternoon between a Settlement Police party and bodyguards travelling with the wife of Ho Sze-pao, chief of Wang Ching-wei's Special Police Branch.

The wounded, it is reported, include an American sergeant, A. Wickdale, of the Municipal Police, Mrs. Ho Sze-pao, two bodyguards and a Chinese of the Municipal Police.

About 60 shots were fired in the battle, which was allegedly precipitated by the bodyguards, refusing to be searched, opening fire without warning.

PUPPETS ARRESTED

After the shooting, 16 members of Wang Ching-wei's Police Headquarters, it is reported, arrived at the scene and were arrested by the Municipal Police when they attempted to interfere.

United States Marines turned out to help enforce order.

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11 Volumes of Encyclopaedia Britannica
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Fukien Skirmishes

SHIUKOW, May 13 (Central) — Japanese troops from Lienkong on the north bank of the Min River in Fukien made a thrust northward to Chushan, northwest of Lienkong, at noon on May 8. They were beaten and fell back. After re-occupying Chushan, the Chinese gave pursuit and are now engaging the Japanese at a point about four kilometers north of Tsinshia.

Skirmishes have taken place between Chinese and Japanese at the outer defence points of Foochow.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

CASE REMANDED

Two out of the five persons on a charge of unlawful possession of a wireless transmitting and receiving apparatus at the second floor of No. 98, Robinson Road on Apr. 28 were discharged by Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday, when the prosecution told the Court that no evidence was going to be offered against them.

The two discharged persons were Chan Chit, 23, unemployed, and Cheung Sik-tung, 34, buyer for the Chinese Inspectorate and Statistic Bureau.

The three other defendants, Sun Hing-chung, 32, described as a Kuomintang reporter, Luk Kam-wah, 23, shop master of the Tai Chung Shop, and Luk Kam-fu, 19, student, were remanded for a further week, each being on \$2,000 bail.

Mr. D. W. Waterton, Inspector of Wireless, G.P.O., is appearing for the prosecution, while defendants will be represented by Mr. Peter H. Sin.

COMMON GAMING HOUSE

Li Hang, 24, principal tenant, and Tsang Chu, 40, servant boy, were fined \$100 or two months' hard labour each by Mr. Lowry yesterday when they pleaded guilty to a charge of keeping a common gaming house for dice playing at the third floor of No. 187, Des Voeux Road Central on May 12.

Twenty-five others, charged with gambling at the premises, had their bail of \$5 each estreated when they failed to appear.

Table money amounting to \$4 picked up in the raid was ordered to be donated to the Poor Box.

Det.-Sgt. T. Cashman prosecuted.

ABDUCTION CHARGE

A 52-year-old widow, Chan Yau, of no fixed abode, was remanded for an abduction charge by Mr. Lowry yesterday until Friday for making further enquiries.

Chan was alleged to have unlawfully taken a 15-year-old unmarried girl out of the possession and against the will of her mother on May 10.

Det.-Sgt. J. R. Sykes is in charge of the case.

HEALING FIXED

Evidence was taken yesterday from two of the partners of the Fook Cheong Wo firm, No. 4 Jubilee Street, ground floor, in the case in which the managing partner of the firm, Tong Fak-wah, 42, is charged with counts of larceny of \$4,000 from the partnership, another larceny of \$6,417 on Mar. 3, unlawful possession of two forged \$10 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank notes and one \$1 Hong-

hong. Traffic Sgt. R. D. Paton conducted the prosecution, while defendant was represented by Mr. F. G. Nigei who pleaded not guilty.

THEFT REPORT

Lee Sung-sui, 33, cook on board

a British ship, was also fined \$25 for attempting to export 40 gunny bags from the Colony without a permit.

INVESTIGATION

The boy, together with several other boys, were playing about eight feet in front of defendant's car, which was stationary at that time. Not ascertaining that the road immediately in front of the car was clear of children, defendant was alleged to have commenced driving off and hit deceased.

Defendant, in the witness box, said that he did not see any boy playing in front of the car.

Convicted, defendant was ordered to pay \$50 compensation to the parents of the deceased.

WATCHMAN STABBED

Attempting to prevent two persons from picking coal dropped to the ground during unloading from junks into waiting lorries at the Gloucester Road Praya, a watchman was stabbed on the left side of the body on Apr. 27.

Before Mr. H. G. Sheldon yesterday, Lemg Kwan, 18, unemployed, and Lam Cheung, 21, coolie, both of no fixed abode, were charged with together three others not in custody, having inflicted previous bodily harm with knives upon Lam Cheung, 23, watchman of the Sze Wai coal yard.

They were sentenced to four months' hard labour each. First defendant admitted two previous convictions.

Det.-Sgt. J. Bentley prosecuted.

INCEST CHARGE

Charged with abetting the offence of incest by a brother and sister between July 15 and July 23 last year, a European named H. F. Shelley claimed trial at the Assizes Court before Mr. Justice Manning and a special jury in Singapore.

The offence was alleged to have taken place in the house of the accused which the parties, a Siamese girl, aged about 13, and her younger brother, were in the habit of visiting.

Mr. E. N. Griffith-Jones, Crown Counsel, who is prosecuting, pointed out that a person who abetted the offence of incest was equally punishable as those who committed the act itself. The Crown alleged that the boy committed the act with his sister at the instigation of the accused, stated Mr. Griffith-Jones.

At the conclusion, Mr. Faith returned a verdict of suicide due to an overdose of potassium bromide.

AT KOWLOON

BURGLAR GAOL

A man with nine previous convictions, Wong San, 24, appeared before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson yesterday on a charge of burglary and was sentenced to four months' hard labour and placed under Police supervision for two years.

Det.-Sgt. A. Bethell said that accused broke into No. 3, King's Park Mansion on May 9 and stole a cotton quilt and a rattan basket containing a dress, property of Wu Sui-fan, a woman.

Defendant was arrested in Hillwood Road by a constable and admitted that he had stolen the things.

NIGHTSOIL COOLIES FINED

For conveying nightsoil without permission from the Urban Council, four gardeners and four women were charged, before Mr. Anderson yesterday.

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Accused were each fined \$10.

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THEFT REPORT

Miss L. Dudley, of Room 72, Dinah House, reported that on the night of May 11-12, some person broke into her residence and stole money and jewellery to the value of \$45.

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Fatal Traffic Mishap In Kowloon Tong Recalled At Inquest

A traffic accident at the junction of Waterloo Road and Essex Crescent on March 9, when a five-year-old child, Tynu Hsin-hua, was killed, while her mother, Mrs. Tyan, of No. 43, Nathan Road, second floor, was injured, had a sequel before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday when an inquest was held.

The jury comprised Mr. Epiphany Maria Xavier (Foreman), Mr. Anatole Zagorsky and Mr. Eduardo Maria Xavier.

Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios held a watching brief on behalf of Mr. A. M. Xavier, driver of the car, and Mr. M. W. Lo represented the family of the deceased, while Traffic Sub-Inspect. A. R. Brittain was for the Police.

About 9 p.m. on March 9, Mr. Xavier was driving car No. 4467 along Waterloo Road when near the junction of Essex Crescent he knocked down a woman and a child who were crossing the road.

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VAST AMERICAN DEFENCE PROGRAMME: HAWAIIAN CHANCES FOR STATEHOOD

Washington, May 3.—Prospect that Hawaii will add the 49th star of statehood to the American flag is brighter as result of the vast defence programme now under way in the mid-Pacific Territory, in the opinion of Delegate Samuel Wilder King, member of Congress.

He thinks that the great military and naval construction designed to make Hawaii an impregnable American fortress in the Pacific will bring the Territory deeper into the national consciousness, cause large migration of workers, stimulate commerce and tourist travel, and quicken many activities that reflect the identity of Hawaii with the American Union.

Delegate King has just written closely associated with the military Territorial leaders counselling "full service" of the United States. For more than a century, and long before Hawaii came under the American flag, the people of the Islands have been well acquainted and friendly with the United States Navy.

"They have known the army for nearly a half century. Many of our people have served in the army or navy. A great many professional and business men in the Islands are members of the reserve forces. Experience under the selective service act will demonstrate the thoroughgoing loyalty to the American flag of all Hawaiian boys."

Delegate King said that more than 80 per cent of the populations of Hawaii consists of native-born American citizens. Among the remaining 20 per cent, about one-half are United States nationals, or Filipinos, who are not classified as citizens. About 8 per cent of the population consists of Japanese aliens.

The delegate said that income tax payments from the Territory to the National Treasury have exceeded those of from 12 to 19 individual states, in various recent years.

STATEHOOD CLAIM

He thought that the Hawaiian statehood claim is supported also by the more frequent and rapid transport facilities between the Islands and mainland. Passenger steamer transit now has been reduced to 4½ days, and there are three aeroplane trips fortnightly from the Coast to Hawaii. Honolulu is a point of call on both steamer and air routes to the Orient and to the South Seas.

Delegate King will await action by the Legislature on the Statehood Commission proposal before asking for hearing here on the statehood enabling act which he introduced early in the present session of Congress. H.R. 597, pending before the House Committee on the Territories, is entitled "A bill to enable the people of Hawaii to form a constitution and State government and to be admitted into the Union on an equal footing with the original states."

Delegate King is convinced that the logic of events will rapidly increase the support for such a measure.

"The 49th star is on the horizon," he said.

The growth of the fleet base and new military establishments means that thousands of skilled workers will settle permanently in Hawaii. They will take their families there.

Already the Territory has need for direct representation in Congress equal to that of the States. In the long run the large number of persons from mainland states will desire that their interests be represented in Congress by people of their own selection from their own community."

WORKERS INCREASE

Delegate King said that the number of civilian skilled workers at Pearl Harbour naval establishments had increased from 2,000 to 8,000, and that army civilian pay rolls have trebled or quadrupled since the great military and naval expansion measures were launched. The population growth in the Territory of Hawaii during the decade from 1930 to 1940 was 14.8 per cent, compared to a 7.2 per cent increase for the entire United States. The city of Honolulu increased 30.4 per cent in a decade, and its population is now over 180,000.

"If statehood for Hawaii were to be regarded as incompatible with the special administrative interests of the army or navy, then the same argument could be made with respect to other great military centres within mainland states," he said. "The national aim of the United States at this time is the preservation of democracy, and statehood for Hawaii would conform to the spirit of this aim."

"Military necessities are not interfered with by any state government, and the national government has authority to fulfill its defence proposals. The fundamental rights of American citizenship already are fully applicable in the Islands and these rights have never been regarded incompatible with interests of national defence."

CLOSE TIES

The Hawaiian Islands, in historical fact, have always been very

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H.K. Banks, \$1300.
Bank of East Asia, \$70.
Indo-China (Pref.), \$80.
Providents, \$4.85.
Hotels, \$2.85.
Electrics Rts., \$11.25.
Macao Electrics, \$19.
H.K. Ropes, \$10.
Entertainments, \$6.25.

SELLERS

Providents, \$9.
Trams, \$16.

SALES

H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan (1934), 94.50.
Union Ins., \$405.
Electrics X. Rts., \$22.25.
Electrics Rts., \$11.75.
Macao Electrics, \$19.

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Volume of Business Transacted on Tuesday May 13, 1941.

SALES

H.K. Electric Rts. 500 \$11.75

H.K. Tramways 100 15.80

600

The total value is \$7,455.00.

CITY OF FAMINE

SHIJKOW, May 13 (Central)—Poowoo has become a city of famine following a thorough search and seizure of foodstuffs by the Japanese.

The price of rice has soared to \$7.50 per catty, but even at that price it is hard to get. Fruits and cakes are almost non-existent.

Hundreds of civilians are said to have died of starvation.

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

STOCK EXCHANGE

TUESDAY 13 MAY.

Buyers Sellers Sales Nominal

Banks

H.K. Banks \$1300

Do. (Col. Reg.) \$764

Do. (Lon. Reg.) \$72

Chartered Banks \$82

Mercantile Bks. "A" \$222

Mercantile Bks. "C" \$222

Bank of East Asia \$70

N.C. & S. Banks \$70

Insurances

Canton Insurances \$222

Union Insurances \$420

Underwriters \$1

H.K. Fire \$176

Shipping

Donglases \$128

Steamboats \$80

Indo-China (Pref.) \$80

Indo-China (Def.) \$80

Shells \$40.74

Waterboats \$35.55

Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc. \$80

H.K. & K. Wharves \$4.85

Providents \$15

H.K. Docks (Old) \$15

H.K. Docks (New) \$15

†Shanghai Docks \$24

Mining

Kailans \$12/6

Raubs \$8

Hong Kong Mines \$14 cts.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings

H.K. & S. Hotels \$2.85

H.K. Lands \$301

Do. 4% Debentures \$97

Shanghai Lands \$12.70

H.K. Realities \$27.70

Humphreys \$99

Chinese Estates \$99

Cotton Mills \$244

Ewo (S.) \$200

Shanghai Cottons (S.) \$200

Zoong Sing (S.) \$200

Wing On Textiles (S.) \$200

Public Utilities

H.K. Tramways \$16

Peak Trams (old) \$73

Peak Trams (new) \$33

Star Ferries \$51.35

Yatni Ferries \$6.70

China Lights (O.) \$14

China Lights (New) \$14

H.K. Electronics (Old) \$14

H.K. Electronics (New) \$14

H.K. Electric (Rts.) \$18

Macao Electrics \$18

Macao Electrics \$18

Sandakan Lights \$18

Telephones (old) \$224

Telephones (new) \$83

Industrials

Cald. Mag. (Ord.) S. \$20

Cald. Mag. (Pref.) S. \$25

Canton Icos. \$15

Cements \$15

H.K. Ropes \$15

H.K. Govt. Loans \$15

4% Loan \$171

3½% \$160

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Miscellaneous

Dairy Farms \$174

Entertainments \$161

Constructions (old) \$174

Constructions (new) \$174

Lane Crawfords \$174

Nanyang Tobacco \$174

Sincere \$174

Watsons \$174

Ch. G. 5% 1925 \$Bds. \$174

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

MAY 13, 1941.

On London:	Telegraphic Transfer 1/3 7/8
	Bank Bills, on demand 1/3 7/8
Credits 4 months' sight	
On Shanghai:	
On demand	445
On Singapore:	
On demand	52 3/4
On Japan:	
On demand	102 1/2
On India:	
Telegraphic Transfer	82 6/8
and demand	
On New York:	
Bank Bills, on demand 84 1/8	
Credits, 60 days' sight 84 7/8	
On Batavia:	
On demand	45 1/4
On Paris:	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months' sight Nom.	
On Saigon:	
On demand	104 1/2
On Manila:	
On demand	48 1/4
On Bangkok:	
On demand	148 1/2
On Sterling Notes:	
Bank Buying Rate	Now.
Bar Silver per oz	23 1/2

Market Report

FROM BOZA BROS.

Tuesday, May 12. Silver prices were unchanged yesterday, the quotations remaining at 23 1/2 for Ready and Forward. Silver advices reported the market as being steady but featureless. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 403 1/4.

MARKET

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 up to July, buyers at 1/3 1/32 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS

A small business was done early in the morning at 247 1/8 for near delivery. The market closed at lunch time with sellers at 243 8/8 for near and forward, buyers at 24-7/8 for any delivery.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Erratic during the early part of the morning. Opened with sellers at 453 1/2 and then receded to 453. Later business was done at 531/2 followed by transactions at 454 1/4 and 455 1/4. The market closed at lunch time with probable sellers at 455 3/4, buyers at 456 1/4.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling opened with sellers at 321 6/4 and closed easier at 3 9/32 for Spot. U. S. Dollars opened with sellers at 513 3/2 and closed with sellers at 511 3/2 for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET

There were sellers at 1/3 up to July, buyers at 1/3 1/32 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS

The market closed with sellers at 243 8/8 for near and forward, buyers at 247 1/8 for Cash up to July.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Business was done in the afternoon at 455 1/2, 455 3/4, 456 and 456 1/4. The market closed with small sellers at 456, buyers at 456 1/4.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling closed with sellers at 3 9/32 for Spot and U. S. Dollars at 51 1/32 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, May 13 (Reuter).

Official T.T. Rates

Opening London 0/8-1/8
New York 5-3/18
Japan 22
India 17-1/4
Paris nominal
Hongkong 20-3/4

Sterling

Hollers
Openers Closers
Spot 0/3-21/64 0/3-9/32
May 0/3-21/64 0/3-9/32
June 0/3-21/64 0/3-9/32

U. S. Dollars

Spot 45-13/32 \$5-11/32
May 5-13/32 5-11/32
June 5-13/32 5-11/32

Market: Quiet.
Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2 1/20.
The Equalisation rate was 24 1/2 per cent.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

NEW YORK, May 12, 1941.

	High	Low	Close	Close	Change
New York Cotton, July	12.40	12.22	12.42	12.30	.12 off
New York Rubber, July	24.70	24.35	24.45	24.60	.15 up
Chicago Wheat, July	951	931	961	938	.24 off
Chicago Corn, July	728	718	724	714	.3 off
New York Hides, June	14.78	14.65	14.75N	14.70b	.05 off
NEW YORK COTTON			Close	Closing	Change
May	12.39	N	12.29	N	.10 off
July	12.42	42	12.30	30	.12 off
October	12.55	56	12.43	46	.10 off
December	12.64	64	12.51	52	.13 off
January	12.61	61	12.49	N	.12 off
March	12.64	64	12.51	52	.13 off
Spot	12.63		12.54		.09 off
Total sales Saturday	—	135,400	bales.		
The last trading day for May cotton is May 18.					
NEW YORK RUBBER					
May	24.45	48	24.60	60	.15 up
July (New contract)	23.95	95	24.05	05	.10 up
September ()	23.65	65	23.75	75	.10 up
December ()	23.30	N	23.40	N	.10 up
Total sales for the day	—	1,160	tons.		
The last trading day for May rubber is May 27.					
CHICAGO WHEAT					
July	961	961	931	931	.24 off
September	961	961	941	941	.24 off
Saturday's sales	—	14,074,000	bushels.		
CHICAGO CORN					
July	721	721	721	721	.1 off
September	731	731	724	724	.14 off
NEW YORK HIDES					
June	14.75	N	14.70b		.05 off
September	14.94	1/4	14.81	82	.13 off
Total sales for the day	—	148	lots.		
NEW YORK COCOA					
September	closed	7.81	80		
The last trading day for May cocoa is May 22.					
NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3					
May	2.50b	51a	2.49b	50a	.01 off
July	2.53b	54a	2.52b	53a	.01 off
Volume of business done	—	144	lots.		
The last trading day for No. 3 Sugar is May 23.					
NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4					
July	84b	841a	83b	831a	.01 off
NEW YORK COPPER FUTURES					
July	11.55b	83a	11.75b	12.00a	.20 up
NEW YORK COTTONSEED OIL					
July	10.60b	62a	10.43b	46a	.17 off
NEW YORK LARD					
September	9.87b		9.70b		.17 off
NEW YORK BLACK PEPPER					
September	7.57b	58a	7.48	46	.11 off
The First Notice Day for September black pepper is Aug. 26 and last trading day is September 23.					
N.Y. Official Silver	unquoted	34 1/4			
N.Y.-London Cross Rate	4.03-1/4	4.03-1/4			

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TOTTORI MARU Friday, 13th June

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No Respite For Hamburg And Bremen

Blohm & Voss Yards
Further Damaged

LONDON, May 13 (Reuters)—Before Hamburg could recover from the impact of Saturday's attacks, yet another strong force of British bombers was despatched on Sunday night to continue the destruction and disorganisation of this great seaport.

A vast expanse of the docks and shipbuilding yards nine miles long, lining the banks of the Elbe, were threaded and crossed with fire, says the Air Ministry.

The Blohm and Voss Yards, where famous German capital ships were built in the last war, were further damaged by high explosive and incendiary bombs, and opposite these yards flames were leaping high.

The industrial quarters of the town were also vigorously attacked.

"EQUALLY SUCCESSFUL"

The weather at Bremen, which was the night's other main target, was equally fine. A pilot said: "It was the kind of night when only the bomb-aimer could be blamed if we missed the target."

The attack on Bremen was as heavy as that on Hamburg and, says the Air Ministry, "equally successful."

SHIPPING HOSPITAL TO BRITAIN

The pre-fabricated framework of 22 buildings will be shipped to England soon to be pieced together into a 126-bed "sleige" hospital at an unnamed site in the south-western part of the island, the American Red Cross announces.

The hospital, a joint project of the Red Cross and Harvard University, is expected to be set up shortly. It will be used as a laboratory for the study of communicable diseases under wartime conditions and its findings will be reported to the United States army, navy and public health service.

FIRE-RESISTANT

The Red Cross said the buildings would be constructed of five-ply building board "sandwiched" between fire-resistant sheets. They will be bolted to a structural steel framework and camouflaged to match the surrounding terrain.

"At the end of each building," it added, "there will be a vestibule arrangement to allow doctors and nurses to enter and leave without light; escaping. Windows will consist of three parts; heavy duty plate glass reinforced with wire mesh, screen and blackout shutter.

Ventilation experts have devised a system to circulate fresh air into the rooms during the night "lockup" for blackouts. Air raid shelters, dug deep into the chalk strata at the site, will be an added safety feature. The entire hospital has been designed to minimize dangers of flying glass and other air raid hazards."

The staff will consist of 75 American physicians, Red Cross nurses and laboratory technicians.

SINGAPORE CAN REPEL ANY ATTACK

Why Japan May Refuse To Heed Nazi Advice

BY STRATEGICUS in the Manila Tribune

Not so long ago Germany persuaded Japan to sign a three-power pact which committed Japan to assist the European dictators if any new Power should appear against them. The one possible consideration which Germany could offer for this extraordinary defiance of the United States—for that is what it came to—is the invitation to Japan to help herself to any territories she might fancy in the Pacific, with the assurance that she and Italy were determined to destroy Britain in Europe.

The meaning of this is clear. They would first try by threats to get the consent of Thailand for the land approach, hoping that their Navy could cover the left flank of their advance.

In view of the naval reinforcements and the new squadrons of the Royal Air Force, and the presence of strong Australian land forces powerfully equipped and eager for the fray, it is not a task to lightly enter on.

But without predicting developments one clear conclusion is to be drawn. The mere fact that Germany insists on attempting these diversions East and West shows that she recognises, now, that the Battle of Britain demands every help she can obtain.

GREEK NAVAL LOSSES

CANEA, Crete, May 13 (Reuters)

The Greek 9,450 ton cruiser Averof, several destroyers and submarines are the only vessels of the Greek Navy which escaped the mass attacks of the German air force of Greek harbours and shipping.

The ships lost included three destroyers, ten small torpedo boats and the old battleship Kilkis, which, having no anti-aircraft protection and being berthed at the Royal Arsenal base, sank after being set on fire during a raid.

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